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REGRET THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN DOD AND LONDON HAVE
ARISEN ON SUBJECT PROJECT. HOWEVER, THE FACTS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

1. CINCLANTFLT HAS PROVIDED TO SACLANT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES THE PROJECT TITLE AND COST. WE ARE ADVISED THIS HAS RESULTED IN NO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES; AS A MATTER OF FACT, MEMBERS OF SACLANT STAFF WERE ALREADY AWARE OF THIS SPONSORED PROPOSAL; IT IS DIFFICULT TO KEEP UNDER WRAPS FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME A BIG (DOLS.4 MILLION) PROJECT PROPOSED FOR COMMON FUNDING.
2. RECENT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS SUBSTANTIATE DOD OPINION THAT IF HOLY LOCH PIER IS TO BE BUILT, IT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE THROUGH NATO INFRASTRUCTURE. DOD FEELS THAT US CONGRESS WILL NOT PROVIDE US FUNDS EVEN IF REQUESTED.
3. NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS HAVE JUST ABOUT RUN OUT. HOPEFULLY, SLICE XXV WILL BE A NORMAL SLICE, BUT MANY UNFUNDED PROJECTS WAIT IN LINE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS, WHICH MUST BE COMMITTED BY NATIONS TO PROVIDE A VIABLE SLICE XXV. IF WE EXPECT TO HAVE ANY DEGREE OF SUCCESS IN GETTING PIER FUNDED IN SLICE XXV, IT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NOW.
4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND UNLESS EMBASSY BELIEVES THE TWO- WEEK TIME DIFFERENCE IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE EMBASSY INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UK EARLY NEXT WEEK. RUSH

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